

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): ~~An article~~ A yard stake useful for attracting canines and for inducing the canines to eliminate in a vicinity where the ~~article~~ yard stake is placed, the ~~article~~ yard stake comprising a polymeric body having at least one portion comprising a canine attractant material that further comprises an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of p-cresyl acetate and phenyl acetic acid.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended): The yard stake of claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein the ~~lawn stake~~ further polymeric body comprises a cap portion and a stake portion.

4. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein at least part of the polymeric body is coated with the attractant material.

5. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein at least part of the polymeric body is impregnated with the attractant material.

6. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the polymeric body comprises a cavity into which the attractant material is received.

7. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 6 wherein a cover is provided over the cavity.

8. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 7 wherein the cover is connected to the body by a hinge.

9. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 6 wherein the cavity is vented.

10. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the attractant material comprises solids into which the active ingredient is absorbed.

11. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 10 wherein the solids are particulate solids.

12. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the attractant material comprises microspheres containing the active ingredient.

13. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the attractant material comprises a binder, adhesive or coating.

14. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the polymeric body is injection molded.

15. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the polymeric body is unitarily molded.

16. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 14 wherein the polymeric body comprises a plurality of parts that are each injection molded.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the polymeric body is moldable from a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastics, fiberglass and nylon.

19. (currently amended) The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the body is attachable to a support surface.

20. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 1 wherein the body comprises at least one aperture through which a fastening device is insertable.

21. (currently amended): The ~~article~~ yard stake of claim 19 wherein the body comprises a substantially flat surface that is positionable in facing contact with the support surface.

22. (previously added): A yard stake insertable into a ground area, the stake being useful for attracting canines and for inducing the canines to eliminate on the ground area near where the stake is inserted, the stake consisting of a moldable polymeric body having an exposed surface and having dispersed throughout at least a portion of the body a plurality of microspheres, the microspheres further comprising an encapsulated attractant that is released over time and volatilizes off the exposed surface into surrounding air, the encapsulated attractant further comprising an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of p-cresyl acetate and phenyl acetic acid.